

REMARKS

Claims 27, 28, and 30-35 were pending for examination in the last Office Action. Claims 27, 28, 30, and 31 were rejected. Claims 32-35 were allowed.

Claim 31 is canceled in this paper; claims 32 and 34 are amended. Claims 32-35 are thus now pending for examination.

Claim 31 is amended in several respects. The elements included as parts of the HVMISFET are now indented to improve the claim's readability.

The requirement that the field insulating film be "formed by self-alignment" was deemed to be a product by process limitation and not afforded any patentable weight. (*See Final Office Action*, ¶ 2.) That limitation is deleted from the claim.

A minor typographic error is corrected with the change of an erroneous mid-claim period to a proper semicolon.

The element directed to the threshold voltage was deemed to be a mere recitation of the device's intended use. That element is deleted from the claim.

Finally, the prior requirement that the drain regions and the source regions be "constituted as phosphorus impurity regions" is now eliminated from claim 31.

The amendments to claim 32 do, though, preserve the limitation directed to the "region diffused with elemental boron" that the Examiner cited as establishing allowable subject matter in claims 32-35 in the last Office Action. *See, id.*, ¶ 5. Claim 32 is believed to be allowable as amended herein, as are claims 33-35, which depend from it.

An obvious minor misspelling ("filed") is corrected ("field") in claim 34.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 32-35 and the application as a whole are now in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the Los


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Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6711 to discuss any steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,
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